

FRESHMEN'S DINNER BROKEN UP BY SOPHS

Fight in Which Chairs and
Tables Were Used, Inter-
rupts the Soup Course.

PIANO PARTS AS WEAPONS

\$2,000 Worth of Damage Done
Before New York 'U' Students
End Battle in Newark.

About 165 members of the freshman class of New York university were just beginning to splash into the soup course in their annual dinner last night in Krueger's Auditorium, 18 Belmont avenue, Newark, when 100 members of the sophomore class, headed by their class president, John P. Smith, began swarming into the room by way of the doors, windows and fire escapes. The freshmen class president, Charles R. Blake, promptly smashed young Mr. Smith with a plateful of soup and Mr. Smith threw a chair at Mr. Blake, which missed the latter and caused devastation among the decorative signs set on the mantel around the room.

That ended the private part of the fight, the amenities which allot the first exchange of blows to the class presidents having been observed. The fighting became general and promiscuous and before order had been restored and the world was itself again the freshmen and the sophomores had damaged the fittings and furnishings of the dining room to the extent of more than \$2,000, which some one will have to pay. Freshmen about to eat their soup gave it in a wholehearted manner to the sophomores and the sophomores gave the freshmen black eyes and gilt chairs. A dozen of the sophomores tried to pick up a grand piano that was in the room and throw it at the freshmen president. They failed, but they took the piano apart and hurled it piece by piece, and the freshmen threw it right back at them. Every dish in the dining room was broken, the tables were overturned, taken apart and hurled around and about, and the collection of stuns, which took fifty years to get together and for which an offer of \$1,000 was recently refused, is not a collection any longer. Most of them were smashed, and those that were not were carried away as souvenirs of the battle. After the fight the sophomores marched from the room and returned to New York, leaving a committee to adjust certain financial matters with the management of the restaurant.

This was done so successfully that the owners of the place did not throw the surviving freshmen out, but gave them another dining room, in which they finished their dinner in peace. But they ate with their fingers, because the sophomores had carried off all the knives and forks. Apparently they also carried off Prof. Edward Wolfe and Herman Pride, guests of honor at the dinner, because they were not seen again after the sophomores had gone.

CALL CITY INSPECTORS IN THEATRE COLLAPSE

District Attorney Lewis' investigation into the cause of the collapse of the new American Theatre at 779 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, in which seven workmen lost their lives, turned yesterday to the Building Department, the inspectors of which supervise construction work.

Mr. Lewis said last night he had requested Albert E. Kleinert, Superintendent of Buildings in Brooklyn, to send him all original reports made by inspectors concerning the building. He asked also the names of all inspectors who had viewed it as part of their work and a record of the times they had gone there. Mr. Lewis said he expected to have the data in his office to-day and would begin a study of them at once. Meanwhile he has asked the police to continue to guard the wreckage and permit no one near it.

HIRSHFIELD HEARS ABOUT LEO'S SCOWS

Accounts Commissioner Starts
Inquiry as His Move in
Dispute.

2 BOATS CALLED ROTTEN

Examiner Testifies to Rebuff
in Offices of Department of
Street Cleaning.

Two old dumping scows purchased for \$25,000 each by the Street Cleaning Department while John P. Leo was Commissioner were rotten in spots, unseaworthy and worth very little, according to testimony yesterday before David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts.

This inquiry started by Hirshfield was an unexpected move in the fight between him and Leo. The latter resigned from the Street Cleaning Department two weeks ago and in a hot letter to Mayor Hylan complained of the invasion of his department by the Commissioner of Accounts' examiners. Hirshfield answered that Leo was afraid of an honest investigation, whereupon Leo began criminal action against Hirshfield for giving out false information. It was Hirshfield's move yesterday.

Thomas A. Brady, examiner in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts, said permission to get information in the Street Cleaning Department was denied to him. "The books were closed and he was referred to Leo, who demanded to know why the information was wanted," Brady said.

"When I saw Commissioner Leo he said: 'I suppose it is about those two Eastman dumpers we bought. I will show up this damned Commissioner of Accounts.' This was the first time in eighteen years I had not been allowed to get information I went after. I did not tell Leo what I wanted, but he referred several times to the two dumpers and cursed the Commissioner of Accounts up hill and down dale."

John H. Rhode, master mechanic of the Street Cleaning Department; Gustav Nilsson, superintendent at the Olsen Iron Works in Brooklyn, who was in charge of repairs on the scows, and Joseph Sorrento, a carpenter in the Street Cleaning Department, testified to the unseaworthy condition of the scows and agreed it would cost several thousand dollars to put them in shape.

Alfred A. Taylor, the new Commissioner of Street Cleaning, said that as deputy he had been in charge of equipment in the department when Leo was Commissioner, but that the latter made no mention of the purchase of these two scows until after the deal was made.

McMANUS HELD FOR HEARING.

Street Cleaner Accused of Com-
plicity in Attack on Woman.

Philip McManus of 508 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, a representative of the Street Cleaners' Union, whose arrest several weeks ago led to the suspension of Michael Laura an Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner, was held for a hearing to-morrow in the Fifth Avenue Court yesterday. He was accused of complicity in an attempted attack upon Mrs. Lydia Robbins of 621 Park avenue, Brooklyn, in a hallway at 582 Sixth avenue early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Robbins told the police that McManus, whom she identified as one of her assailants, and two other men had dragged her into the hallway and beaten her. Patrolman Jeremiah Campbell of the Fifth avenue station said he caught McManus running up the stairs from the hallway.

MEYER RESUMES TUESDAY.

The Meyer legislative investigating committee will start on the last leg of its work on Tuesday, when it will resume public hearings to get further facts to turn over to the charter revision commission and as the basis for recommendations which the Meyer committee will make to that body.

SWEAR J. A. HOWELL WAS N. Y. RESIDENT

Witnesses Aid Widow in Her
Fight for Estate Under
First Will.

WOMAN CLAIMS BULK

Mrs. Maloff's Case Hinges on
Proving He Made Home
in New Jersey.

Mrs. Alice Maloff of Bogota, N. J., who began a fight for the estate of James A. Howell, in the Surrogate's Court early last month on the ground a will executed in 1879 which left Howell's entire estate to his widow was rendered void by a later will in which Howell left everything he had to her was put in the position of a defendant yesterday when Surrogate Foley listened to the testimony of seven persons who had known Howell for years. They testified he had called himself a resident of the State during all the time they knew him.

The question of Howell's residence will have an important bearing on the distribution of his estate, for Mrs. Maloff has filed in New Jersey the will by which she hopes to benefit. During the last ten years, while Howell's wife believed he was travelling on business, he

spent much of his time in a house in Bogota, which, according to affidavits which have been filed by the widow, he built for Mrs. Maloff.

Howell is supposed to have left a substantial estate because in 1905 he sold a creamery he had in Goshen, N. Y., to the Borden milk interests for \$225,000. His widow says she has been able to find only \$50,000 worth of the property she supposed he owned. Howell fell dead outside Trinity Church on October 3.

Three of the witnesses heard yesterday were from Goshen, and each said he had known Howell for forty years and that Howell always called himself a resident of New York. The three other witnesses were men with whom he had business dealings in this city.

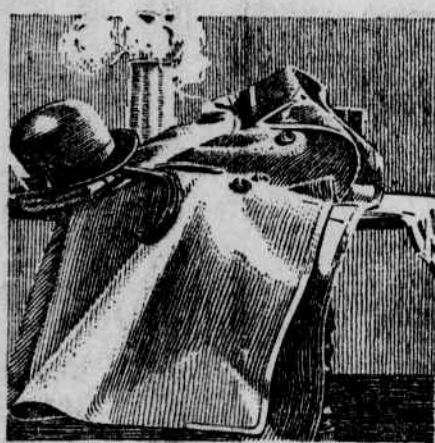
If Surrogate Foley decides Howell was a resident of New York his widow will attack the will offered by Mrs. Maloff on the ground it was obtained by undue influence.

QUEENS OBJECTS TO GARBAGE.

Objection to further garbage dumping in Queens was announced yesterday by James E. Dunningham, executive secretary of the Community Councils of New York, with the statement that a fight will be made to prevent the renewal of the garbage removal contracts between the city and the Brooklyn San Removal Company. The citizens of Queens, Mr. Dunningham said, are determined that Brooklyn garbage must be dumped elsewhere than in Queens.

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